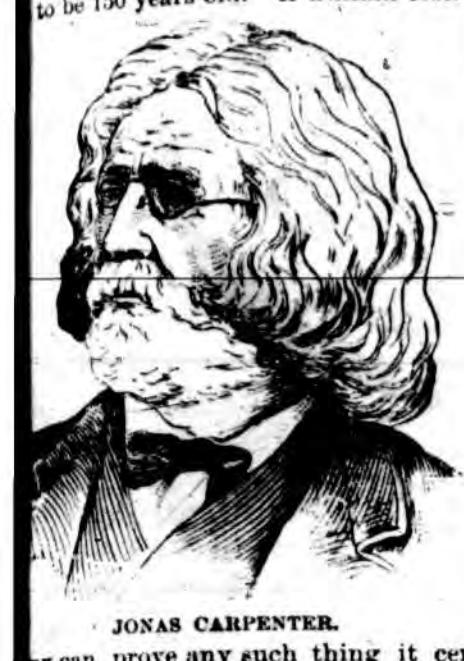


## WONDERFUL OLD PEOPLE

CLAIMS TO GREAT AGE AP-  
ARENTLY WELL FOUNDED.

Carpenter Able to Prove That He  
Nearly a Century and a Half Old.  
Lucy Wood's Record—A Survivor  
of Waterloo.

Any person in modern times ever  
to be 150 years old? If human testi-



JONAS CARPENTER.

can prove any such thing it cer-  
tainly is proved that Thomas Parr was  
at Wimington, in Shropshire, in  
1635, and died in London Nov. 15, 1635,  
being then 152 years old, and as he was  
good health till near the last physicians  
thought he might have lived ten years  
longer if the Earl of Arundel had not in-  
vited him to London, where he indulged  
too freely in the luxuries of season.

He married after reaching

age of eighty and had two children,  
at 105 was prosecuted for adultery.

The United States has several citizens  
over 100 years old, and one who claims  
he is 149, but the family Bible puts

birth in 1752. He says that in that year  
was driving a team, and has a discharge

from Braddock's army to prove that he

is on the famous Monongahela expedi-

tion. It is possible that some other Jonas

Carpenter (that is his name) was the

master and this old man has got their

names mixed, but he certainly is 139 years

old, and that is wonder enough. He

is very healthy old fellow, too, and re-

ally made the journey to Denver, with

great discomfort. He was born in

Bandon county, Va.

He only saw Washington once—just

for the Braddock expedition, and says:

He was a fine, sprightly young fellow."

Carpenter fought in the battle of

Pleasant against the Mingoos and

Native Indians and knew Chief Logan

and many others.

Mrs. Lucy Wood.

Well, he went soon after to the wilds

of Kentucky and was a companion of

Boone, Kenton and other pioneers. He

returned to Virginia and has lived an

extremely regular life there for some

thirty years. He has a daughter aged

eighty, and his son known as "Devil

an" died at the age of 100. Mr. Car-

penter has been more thoughtful than

most old men, for he has preserved all

sorts of documents and relics of his early

life, such as contracts to supply grain to

soldiers in the Revolution, his old musket

of the make of 1740, or thereabout, and

other things. He is over six feet high,

tolerably straight, weighs 200 pounds,

uses at daylight and goes to bed early.

A very old lady is Mrs. Lucy Wood, the

oldest member of the Woman's Re-

lief corps, who was born at Jaffrey, N.

H. Jan. 16, 1786, and now lives at

Bethany, Vt. Her father fought in the

Revolution, her husband in the war of

812, and her son and seven grandsons

in the civil war. It is scarcely necessary

to add that she has been on the pension

roll some time and is the oldest woman

on it. She is in only tolerable health.

In England the most interesting old

men are those who took part in the

Napoleonic wars, and there are still living

two officers who held commands at Wa-

terloo, of whom Lieutenant Colonel Wil-

liam Hewett is the oldest, being ninety-

seven.

General George Whichcott is a

few days younger, as both were born in

1794. There are also two officers of the

German legion, Ensigns Ferdinand

Scharnborst and Edward Tritton. Of

Trafalgar there are no English survi-

ors. The last of Admiral Nelson's offi-

cers, Lieutenant Colonel Tyntree, who

fought in the battle as a midshipman,

died in 1887.

John Rassbach & Son,

Florists and Nurserymen

Cor. Midland and Maclay Aves.

## A PREACHER IN POLITICS.

He is a Good Speaker and May Be a Governor Yet.

It is now thought in certain quarters that the next governor of North Carolina will be the Rev. George W. Sanderlin, a Baptist preacher, and a rather new force in politics. He is an ardent Alliance man, and a fusion between the Alliance and the Democracy is among the possibilities. Mr. G. W. Sanderlin went into politics in 1888 with a brilliant suddenness. He had long been a popular preacher, and three years ago was nominated by the Democrats for state auditor, over General W. P. Roberts, the incumbent, who desired a re-election.

He entered at once on a stump speaking tour and made a campaign never surpassed in the state. As a popular speaker he was soon admitted to be away ahead of any other man in North Carolina. He is wonderfully magnetic, fluent in speech and ready in repartee, and his speeches abound with wit and humor.

Personally he is large and portly, about fifty years old and by trade a farmer as well as a preacher. Always an outspoken Democrat, he adopted the Alliance views as soon as they were formulated except that he is opposed to the treasury plan. So it is announced that both parties can support him with enthusiasm.

## A PECCARIL RUSSIAN SECT.

"The jumping monks" is the name of a new Russian sect recently discovered in the province of Orenburg. They eat no meat and do not use liquor or tobacco in any form. They attend the services of the orthodox church, but this does not entirely satisfy their religious cravings. They therefore hold private meetings at which they read Scripture with their own peculiar commentaries, recite prayers and sing hymns, dancing and clapping with their hands. They stand by each other in weal and woe like real brothers, and are very kind and courteous to strangers.

Their "little sisters," as they call the female members of their sect, on meeting a stranger turn away and spit, repeating the words, "Get thee hence, thou evil spirit." Thus they get out of his sight. They are very industrious and thrifty, and their neighbors respect them. The holy synod has issued a circular to the missionaries to dissuade the jumping monks from persevering in their extravagant religious performances.

## A HARD MAN TO WRITE ABOUT.

All his life the poet, Whittier, has been noted for his excessive shyness and modesty so extreme as to raise a suspicion of affectation in some minds. A recent news item says that S. T. Pickard, editor of the Portland (Me.) Transcript, whose wife is a niece of Whittier, is preparing a biography of the Quaker poet, with the consent and assistance of the latter. The assistance is of doubtful value, however, Whittier's diffidence and modesty being great obstacles to progress. No sooner is he led to reveal, by the most adroit questioning, something of interest regarding his early life and subsequent career than he interposes a gentle remonstrance, as, "But I would not mention that, if I were thee," or, "That is of no importance, I think," and so the biographer's task is not an easy one.

## NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

One of the notable events of the summer season has been the convention of the National Educational association at Toronto, which was attended by 20,000 teachers from all parts of the United States and Canada. Many subjects of importance were discussed, but the visitors found time to mingle a little play with their work, and made excursions to near by points of interest. The numerous sessions were presided over by Professor W. R. Garrett, A. M., Ph. D., of Nashville, who displayed ability, courtesy and a thorough knowledge of parliamentary rules. The largest registered delegation was from Missouri, and was headed by Professor John T. Buchanan.

## NOT GONE, BUT NEARLY FORGOTTEN.

Who remembers Prince Alexander of Batzenberg? Yet for a season he occupied some part of the world's attention and acquitted himself valiantly on many a stricken field in the Balkan states. Had he fallen sick in those days the big journals would not have let him off for less than a column each. But he has known evil times and lessened fortunes. So the European papers dismiss him with paragraphs like this, "Count Hartau, formerly Prince Alexander of Batzenberg, is convalescent from his dangerous illness."

## POPULARITY OF THUMB RINGS.

The thumb ring continues to be a favorite among American beauties of the fashionable world. A pearl circlet, or a tiny gold snake with jeweled head, is considered very effective on a well shaped thumb. But in time the ring will have to go. It is becoming popular with the inadmissible classes of females.

The jewels and bric-a-brac of the actress Leonide Leblanc have been sold in Paris with unusual results. A pearl necklace of 212 big pearls, brought 280,000 francs.

The most eminent English physi-  
cians recently said that every modern house ought to be destroyed after it had  
been built for sixty years.

Mrs. McGuire.

## HOME OF MR. GORMAN.

THE BURNED HOUSE AT LAUREL,  
MD., TO BE REPLACED.

The Family Usually Pass the Summer at Laurel, but This Year Are at Saratoga. The Senator Among His Neighbors. He is a Fisher—Eel College."

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